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THE BARIUM SOAP OPERA!

There is soap in bars, boxes, bottles, and barrels. Whether it's Ivory or Lux, Rinso or Tide, Halo or Prell, or whether it's the commercial soap in barrels and tubs, it serves a purpose at Barium Springs. Let it tell its own story.

I speak for the bars of soap. We come to Barium by the thousands and are distributed to the cottages by the hundreds. Dirty hands and faces are our business. When it comes to the ears, be it an inside job or around the edges, we have to make them shine. Not only do we get the rough work on the boys like rusty knees and dirty feet, but, we. also, must keep the girls fresh and dainty. More than 300 of us go down the drain each week. The boys choose the manly names and odors while the girls prefer the perfumed soaps.

I am a liquid cleanser, all 3,000 pounds of me, for I have to be ready for quick action. I am on duty 3 times a day, 365 days in the year. It is my business to see that nearly 45,000 plates are freed of syrup and gravy and potatoes and the yellow of an egg. I have to rumble and roar in the big dishwasher as the serving bowls from the 40 tables come sliding through for cleansing and I have to be quick and fast and easy on the draw when the 1,000 pieces of silver—knives, forks and spoons—come churning through the tubs. No germs can stay here because boys and girls must stay healthy.

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SUPERINTENDENT

Thanksgiving - 1957

To Presbyterians
Synod of North Carolina

Dear Folks:

We have been busy getting ready for Thanksgiving for that is the season of the year when we stop and take stock. While it is impossible to count all the blessings of the Heavenly Father, yet we have manifold evidence of His goodness through the year. A visible evidence of His provision for our needs is manifest in the 600 bushels of potatoes in storage, the 3,000 watermelons and cantaloupes eaten during the summer, more than 5,000 bushels of grain harvested from the farm, 220 tons of silage in the trench silo, 1,300 bales of straw and 9,000 bales of hay; the strong dairy herd of 60 Holstein cows with 42 of them producing milk, 35 Herefords in the beef herd, 3,000 bushels of apples gathered, processed, stored or sold--and the list could go on. The boys and girls have been busy throughout the summer and fall, plowing, planting, harvesting, cooking, washing, sewing.

It has been a wonderful time. There have been the usual annoyances of family living; there have been the ups and downs of school work; there have been the ins and outs of love affairs; there have been the happy moments and those of sadness; but, all in all, it has been life and it has been good. Now at Thanksgiving time we will pause and take recognition of God's goodness and His love for the big Barium family.

You, too, have been busy and have been blessed and you, too, will be pausing to take stock at Thanksgiving time and expressing your thanks through your gifts to Barium Springs. The Synod of North Carolina is requesting the Churches of the Synod and the individuals to contribute the sum of $100,000.00 to Barium Springs. This is a work in which you believe, and we are confident that now you will make your gifts through your Church to this Home in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours,
Albert B. McClure

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Superintendent

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Calhoun Reports On School

A recent request was made by the Secretary of the National Beta Club for the names of colleges which Beta Club graduates of last year are now attending. It was a pleasure to report that two were at Davidson College, and that the other one was enrolled at The Woman's College of The University of North Carolina. Of course, a fourth member of eleven in the 1957 graduating class is a student at Lees-McRae College. It is gratifying to know that our boys and girls are joining the Beta Club as well as other student organizations in the Troutman School.

Since the High School students are now attending Troutman, it is possible for us to set up a better organization for our Elementary School. The sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are being housed in the old High School building where there is ample room for the teaching of music and science together with the great advantages of a good Central Library. It is hoped that a Central Library may be set up in the Primary Building now being used by the first five grades. We will then be utilizing all rooms in that building as the teaching of piano is carried on in one of the rooms. This new organization should relieve the cramped conditions heretofore experienced, and present a better teaching situation in our Elementary School.

Interest and enthusiasm in our music program continues at a high pitch. It is encouraging to see boys and girls eager to sing in special groups or in a church choir. The quality of

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UNDER THE STEEPLE - Nuggets of News

FROM LITTLE JOE'S CHURCH

REV. ROBERT R. COLLINS, *Minister*

Thanksgiving is a word which has no true meaning apart from action. Too often we have thought of Thanksgiving as a holiday spent with family and friends and marked by an abundance of good food. But this is neither the Biblical nor historical meaning of the word. Thanksgiving, properly understood, is an expression by an individual or a group of the gratitude they feel in their hearts for the manifold blessings of God.

For the Pilgrims on that first Thanksgiving this did not mean an abundance of food, for their stores were still quite meager and their only real hope was a confidence in the goodness of God. But because of this faith in God and the freedom that was now theirs to worship Him without fear, they gave thanks. They expressed their Thanksgiving by worshipping together and by sharing with one another a part of the harvest which had been gathered. Thanksgiving Day then, in its historical setting and its Christian background, is a time for worship and sharing.

It has long been customary in the Synod of North Carolina that the Presbyterian people remember our Home here at Barium Springs with a Thanksgiving Offering. For this offering we are truly grateful because without it your work for Christ could not go on in this place. But as you make your gift this year, I should like for you to do more than write a check or put your money in an envelope. As the pastor of your family of boys and girls Under The Steeple I want you to join us in worship, offering with your gift of money a prayer of thanksgiving for our Home and for every child who has been given to us by God to care for and watch over.

Thanksgiving Day will find our family together in Little Joe's Church. There is so much for which we are grateful and our voices shall be united in hymns and prayers of thanksgiving and praise. We too shall bring our gifts, some pennies, some dimes, some dollars. And the day will be made perfect for us in our knowledge that many of you are joined with us in the giving of thanks to God, our heavenly Father.

FAYE HICKS CHOSEN FESTIVAL QUEEN

The annual Fall Festival for the Troutman School was a gala affair. Each grade of the twelve had nominated candidates for king and queen. Out of this number there was to be a queen of the Elementary School and a Queen of the High School and also a King from each of the schools. As a climax of the evening of festivity and fund raising the crowning ceremonies took place. When the ballots had all been tabulated and the counting was over, Faye Hicks of Barium Springs was declared the winner and crowned the Queen of the Fall Festival in the ceremonies on the stage as the hundreds of people in the audience cheered the occasion.

For the last two years in a row Barium Springs girls have been the winners in the event. Last year's queen was Audrey Waters.

HONOR ROLL FOR SIX WEEKS ENDING OCT. 9, 1957

First Grade — Carl Dickson, Eddie Webb, Phoebe Brumley.

Second Grade — Mitchell Brumley, Sylvia Bush, Linda Ivey, Angus Medlin, Linda Roberts, Wayne Taylor.

Third Grade — Frankie Dennis, Charles Hyde, Bobby Neill, Connie Crews, Marie Ross, Carol Watts.

Fourth Grade — Tommy Bush, Belle Calhoun, Emily McClure.

Fifth Grade — Charles McBennett, Lou Anna Bridgers, Karen Crews, Linda Sue Medlin, Gail Nance, Judy Pinkston, Elsie Rannells.

Sixth Grade — Eloise Barefoot, Donald Blalock, Ronald Brown, Billy Finley, Rita Harris, Joyce Hughes, Larry Ruff, Lois Allen.

Seventh Grade — Jane Webb.

Eighth Grade — Henry Bridgers, Charles Donaldson, Douglas Finley, Charles McLean, Shirley Faulk, Ellen Neill, Betty Lou Rutledge.

ALUMNI NEWS

William Billings has been chosen to serve with two others as advisory coaches for the 1957 North Carolina Shrine Bowl football team. William is teaching and coaching in Edenton.

Dean Upton and Calvin Burleson have been playing lots of football for A. S. T. C. this fall. Calvin was at Barium for Church recently.

Lena McLean Helms and her husband Clarence have returned from Germany where they have been for a year or more. Clarence has completed his term in service and they are in Charlotte. They have visited Barium recently.

Joyce Kelly was a visitor on the campus recently.

Marie Andrews Howard and her husband J. R. have been at State College for the past three years. J. R. is a member of the Senior Class this year.

Mack Berryhill is a member of the Senior Class at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville.

Franklin Lentz is in the Army and is stationed at Ft. Bragg.

Rufus Long and his little boy, Brad, made a short visit to Barium recently.

Merton Cox spent a few days at Barium during his furlough. Merton is in the Air Corps.

Born to Anne (Wicker) and Harold Waddington in Harrisburg, Pa. on October 22nd a daughter, Ruth Anne.

CAMPUS SCENES

New boys, Amick Johnson and Clifton Garner, asking for work assignments their second day here.

The last hay mowing, sweet potato and apple picking, all coming at the same time.

High school girls helping gather sweet potatoes in the rush—they were: Diane and Virginia Kiser, Janet Woodall, Sue Rannells, Audrey Waters, Shelby McEwen, Jackie Taylor, Peggy Sellers, and Eleanor Rutledge.

Mr. McClure driving hay wagon tractor in rush and trying at same time to figure proper place for the new barn and if the old one will hold up under the storage of hay.

Miss McInnis moving to Rumple Hall with Miss Charlotte Calhoun and Miss Shirley Kearns who eyed her closely as she entertained both auditors at lunch alone.

Mrs. Hager being welcomed back by Donnie Harrison and Miss McElrath's table of boys.

Pamela Fair, Marcia Lewis, Eleanor Rutledge and Patsy Porter campaigning for Faye Hicks for Harvest Festival Queen at Troutman School.

Little Patsy Mace, Peggy Utsman, Linda and Marcia Ivey, raking leaves and making leaf house.

THE BARIUM SOAP OPERA!

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I serve in two places—not only in the dishroom but, also, in the kitchen. Three 50-gallon steam pots must come clean. Frying pans, ovens, skillets, knives, sinks, mixers, potato peelers, and all must be ready for inspection and for use. It takes a lot of foaming and scrubbing to keep this kitchen and dining room and the cottage kitchens and dining rooms wholesome for the Barium boys and girls.

I am the powdered soap, sometimes scientifically called a detergent. Regardless of my name, my job is the same. I come in 400 pound barrels, eight times a year. It is my business to tumble and toil inside the big washer and what a struggle I have! Ten thousand pairs of blue jeans in a year's time surely do take a lot of me for it is some struggle to remove paint, apple stain, red mud, airplane glue, chewing gum, axle grease, cylinder oil, gravy and syrup from these boys' clothes. And that's not all. There are 25,000 sheets to be made clean for these children's beds are made fresh each week; to say nothing of the 5,000 dresses that I have to wash. While these dresses are not as tough as boys' clothes; yet, I have to curl up mighty close to get in the corner of a ruffle to get the dirt out. These girls are mighty particular about their school dresses and I have to have them clean; so, from sun-up to sun-down, it's tumble and toil—toil and tumble —in the big washer in the laundry.

I am speaking for a specialized group. They call me "goo grease." I am kept for the special occasions. After a lawn mower has been overhauled, a smokestack cleaned out, a car load of coal unloaded, the boys call for me. I look like a grease but work like a soap. I am not as big as the barrels in the laundry and kitchens nor as manifold as the bars in the bathrooms, but I fix up these boys' hands and make them real pretty for hand holding at date time.

How much of Barium's budget is used for soap? Only a tiny part when you realize that it takes 50 pounds of hamburger, 10 gallons of green limas, 1 bushel of sliced tomatoes, 20 loaves of bread, 8 pounds of butter, 30 gallons of milk, 20 pounds of cake mix, and 4 gallons of sauce to serve one meal. The "Soap Opera" with its exact figures in story setting can show how large the tiny items of the budget are and, thus, in contrast and comparison give some concept of the tremendous task in supplying the needs of the boys and girls at Barium Springs.

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CALHOUN REPORTS ON SCHOOL

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singing also improves with their enthusiastic response. It is a good sign when students look forward with great anticipation to taking part in a school or church performance. The primary grades are working busily in a Rhythm Band and they should be ready to present a program during the coming year.

The 99.3 per-cent attendance figure for the last school year, and the 99.6 percent figure for the first month of this year attest to the continued good health of our boys and girls. All of our students have had three polio shots and the yearly check-ups with follow-up work are factors in our health program. All students are having their vision checked this fall in order that proper examinations and corrections may be made as soon as possible.

Finally, let me say that the spirit and enthusiasm in our football program is unusually high this year. For the first time on record all high school boys reported for football practice this fall, and a large squad of Elementary boys are working out twice a week. It may be that the fine record of our boys' basketball team last winter added some incentive for greater participation.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Webb	12-29-52
Eloise Barefoot	12-26-45
Linda Utsman	12-15-42
Rita Harris	12- 2-45
Judith Rutledge	12-11-45
Sylvia Taylor	12- 6-47
Tyressa Taylor	12- 8-44
Diane Kiser	12-27-39
Roger Ruff	12- 3-50
Mike Heritage	12-21-44
Edward Barefoot	12-29-42
Braxton Bridgers	12- 5-43
Douglas Byrd	12-27-41
Kenneth Davis	12-18-44
Billy Finley	12-18-45

COTTAGE NEWS

Howard Cottage

Howard Cottage wants to say Hello again! Most of us made the Honor Roll and all of us made better grades.

All of our cottage members from the first through the fifth grades had a wonderful trip to the circus. There were bare back riders, clowns, and more animals than we can mention. Our sixth graders went to see Davidson beat West Virginia Tech in football.

Our three third-graders are much interested in their science laboratory in school.

All of us are having an opportunity to participate in some of the special choir singing for our Spiritual Enrichment Services with Dr. Kraemer this week.

Halloween is big talk around here! Decorations, costumes, witches, cats, pumpkins, and all the other things which make up this weird time of this pretty season.

We take time out for special prayer and loving thoughts for our Elsie who has gone from us a day or two to attend her grandfather's funeral. We rejoice with her that Heaven is his permanent home and that she can and does plan to meet him there.

All of you good friends come to see us and enjoy with us the beauty of our autumn season and the happiness of our home.

Howard Cottage.

Rumple Hall

Here we are again with our bits of news.

We got our report cards Monday. Three people made the Honor Roll. They are: Joyce Ann Hughes, Linda Sue Medlin, and Lou Anna Bridgers. There were not any Honor Roll students from Troutman. We are expecting better grades from them next time. I am sure they will do better.

We are all glad to have Mrs. Hager with us again. She is our substitute when Miss Sims is away.

We have one birthday this month—Elva Medlin's, and it is on Thanksgiving Day.

The Rumple Hall Girls

October Memorials

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slane, Jr., Statesville
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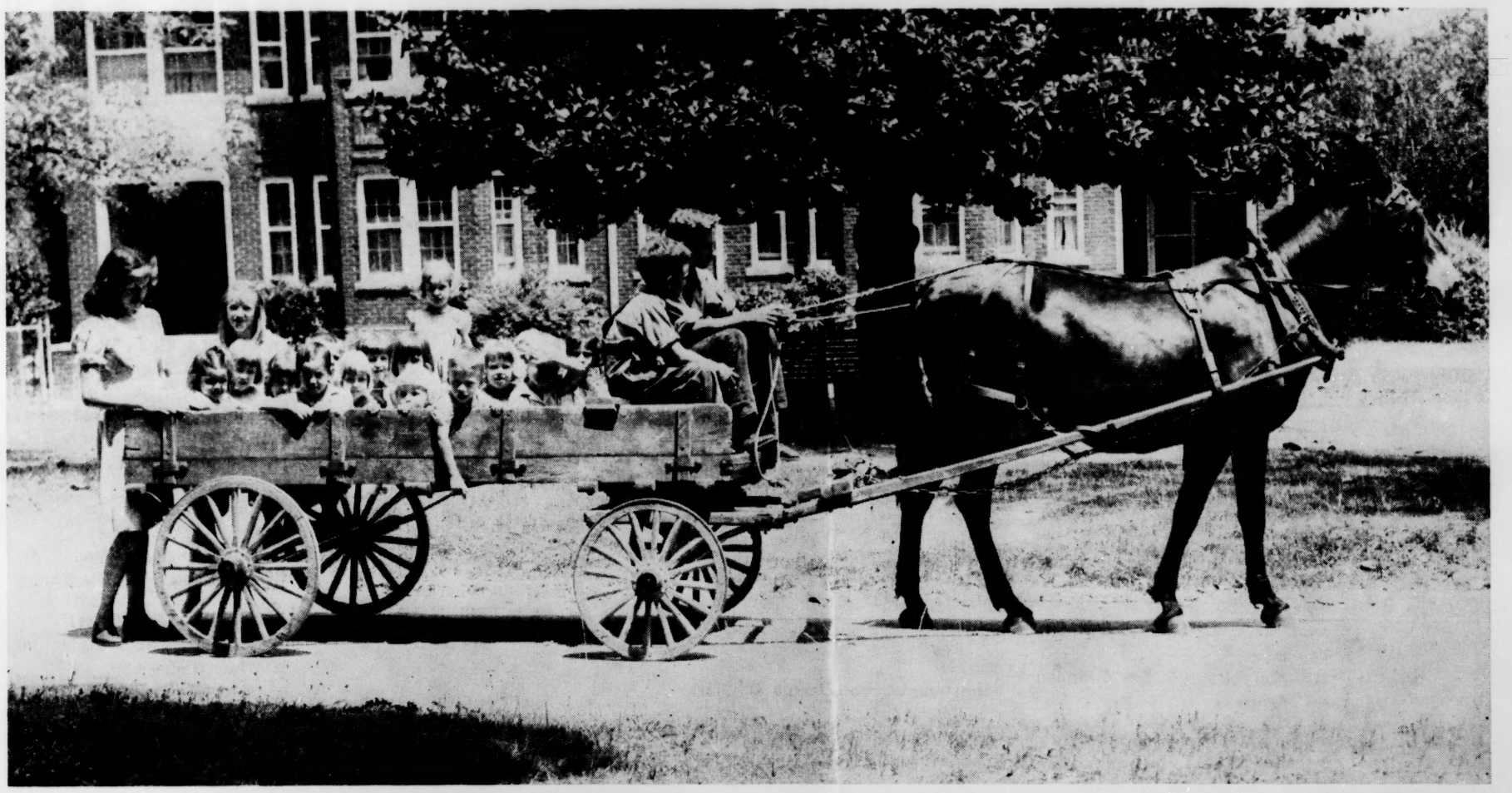

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